IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-47 (Canceled).

Claim 48 (New): A method for controlling network devices via a home network, comprising:

generating icons of the network devices having a plurality of functions regarding a reproducing and/or recording of an audio/video signal and menus including the functions which are operable with the associated network device;

at least partially displaying the generated icons with a hierarchical structure so as to show a relationship of network connections of the network devices in the home network;

receiving a selection of a network device by a user selecting one of the displayed icons;

selectively displaying the menu of a selected network device, the menu including the functions which are operable with the selected network device;

receiving a selection of a function in the selectively displayed menu; and

controlling the network device to execute the selected function,

wherein the execution of the selected function results in a data stream of an audio/video signal stored in a providing network device being sent from the providing network device to the selected network device via the home network.

Claim 49 (New): The method according to claim 48, wherein said network devices include all compatible devices that are connected to the home network.

Claim 50 (New): The method according to claim 48, wherein said home network,

further includes one or more sub-networks integrated into said home network via a bridge.

Claim 51 (New): The method according to claim 48, wherein at least partially

displaying the icons with a hierarchical structure further includes organizing the icons

according to the kind of sub-networks connected to said network.

Claim 52 (New): The method according to claim 48, wherein the selected function in

the displayed menu is a "send to" function.

Claim 53 (New): The method according to claim 48, further comprising selecting a

providing network device.

Claim 54 (New): The method according to claim 53, further comprising selecting an

audio/video signal stored on the selected providing network device.

Claim 55 (New): A man-machine interface for controlling network devices via a

home network, comprising:

means for generating icons of the network devices having a plurality of functions

regarding a reproducing and/or recording of an audio/video signal and menus including the

functions which are operable with the associated network device;

means for at least partially displaying the generated icons with a hierarchical structure

so as to show a relationship of network connections of the network devices in the home

network;

means for receiving a selection of a network device by a user selecting one of the

displayed icons;

means for selectively displaying the menu of a selected network device, the menu

including the functions which are operable with the selected network device;

means for receiving a selection of a function in the selectively displayed menu; and

means for controlling the network device to execute the selected function,

wherein the execution of the selected function results in a data stream of an

audio/video signal stored in a providing network device being sent from the providing

network device to the selected network device via the home network.

Claim 56 (New): The method according to claim 55, wherein said network devices

include all compatible devices that are connected to the home network.

Claim 57 (New): The method according to claim 55, wherein said home network,

further includes one or more sub-networks integrated into said home network via a bridge.

Claim 58 (New): The method according to claim 55, wherein means for at least

partially displaying the icons with a hierarchical structure further includes means for

organizing the icons according to the kind of sub-networks connected to said network.

Claim 59 (New): The method according to claim 55, wherein the selected function in

the displayed menu is a "send to" function.

Claim 60 (New): The method according to claim 55, further comprising means for

selecting a providing network device.

Claim 61 (New): The method according to claim 60, further comprising means for selecting an audio/video signal stored on the selected providing network device.

Claim 62 (New): A computer program, stored in a tangible storage medium, for providing a man-machine interface for controlling network devices via a home network, the program comprising executable instructions that cause a computer to:

generate icons of the network devices having a plurality of functions regarding a reproducing and/or recording of an audio/video signal and menus including the functions which are operable with the associated network device;

at least partially display the generated icons with a hierarchical structure so as to show a relationship of network connections of the network devices in the home network;

receive a selection of a network device by a user selecting one of the displayed icons;

selectively display the menu of a selected network device, the menu including the functions which are operable with the selected network device;

receive a selection of a function in the selectively displayed menu; and

control the network device to execute the selected function,

wherein the execution of the selected function results in a data stream of an audio/video signal stored in a providing network device being sent from the providing network device to the selected network device via the home network.